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Cummings to Probe Stories of Conn. Election Corruption WILSON LEADS IN CALIFORNIA AND N. DAKOTA; THESE TWO STATES WILL INSURE ELECTION; NEW HAMPSHIRE SWINGS TO THE PRESIDENT

WHY VOTE IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY IS TO BE SHARPLY INVESTIGATED

Population of Connecticut, 1,114,756.
Population of Fairfield County, 245,322.
Hughes' plurality outside Fairfield County in Connecticut, 1,293.
Hughes' plurality in Fairfield County, 4,199.
Republicans sought money for "certain work" to make it impossible to lose close districts.
Enormous number of "workers" employed.
Great sums of money expended.

CUMMINGS WILL PROBE ELECTION CORRUPTION HERE

Stories of Expenditure of Huge Sums of Money and Employment of Great Numbers of Workers Follow Returns From Election Which Show County to Have Given Practically All of the Hughes Plurality of the Whole State.

Why did Fairfield county, which differs in almost no respect from other industrial communities in Connecticut give a plurality for Hughes of 4,199, when all the rest of the state gave a plurality of 1,293 for Hughes?

This is the question which State Attorney Homer S. Cummings is preparing to solve, as increasing reports come into him of the excessive use of money, of the employment of an extraordinary number of "workers", and of other election methods forbidden by the Corrupt Practices Acts of state and nation.

Said Mr. Cummings, today, to a representative of The Farmer: "Representations have been made to me regarding election methods in Fairfield county which seem to make it necessary that the returns should be investigated, and that means should be taken to probe the excessive use of money which seems to have taken place."

Mr. Cummings declined to say what representations had been made, saying that the cause of justice might be defeated. But it is known that literally scores of facts point to very serious conditions, which in glaring impropriety much exceed the facts brought out by the investigation into the campaign methods of E. J. Hill, two years ago.

Connecticut has a population of 1,114,756.

Fairfield county has only 245,322 of this population.

The state gave Hughes only 1,293 outside the county.

But inside the county, Hughes got, by the face of the returns, 4,199.

One-fifth of the population gave Hughes about four times as much plurality as the other four-fifths.

This disproportionate, unexpected, unusual and peculiar result has attracted the attention of national campaign managers on both sides. It will not go unscrutinized.

In the interest of a pure ballot the proper authorities will inquire as to these facts.

How much money came into Connecticut, and how much into Fairfield county?

Who received it in Bridgeport, in the county and in the state? Who paid it out, and what was it paid out for?

How many men were employed as workers in Fairfield county? Were 1,000 employed, or 2,000, or more?

Who paid these workers, how much did they get and what were the terms of their employment?

There are many and grave facts that require explanation, which will have to be explained.

One of the features of the election is the following letter, which was sent to a gentleman in Bridgeport asking him for funds, to make it impossible for Republicans to lose in close districts, because certain work would be done.

Federal authority wants to know if Fairfield county was one of the close districts, in which money was to be mobilized and certain work done so that it would be impossible to lose.

This is the letter: "My Dear Mr. _____: We are again appealing to a few prominent business men to help us at this time. If we can raise funds sufficient to allow it, we will complete an organization in each close district, that it will

be impossible to lose. We know how business men like you are called upon and it is really embarrassing to the members of this committee to have to worry men like yourself, but we are giving our entire time to the work and must raise some money at once, and our only chance is by calling on those who are interested in the success of our efforts.

If you knew the absolute necessity of certain work to be done, what it means toward the success of our movement, and could see the judicious manner in which every dollar raised by this committee is being expended, I feel quite confident that you would either help us yourself or get some of your friends interested to the extent of making a contribution. What is to be done must be accomplished within a week, so please advise us at once.

Very truly yours,
R. M. AUSTIN,
Chairman Finance Committee.

Plaintiff Loses In Suit For Damages, Following Accident

A decision in favor of Charles Tucker and George Schrader of this city, who were sued for \$1,000 by Michael Macisoe of Stratford, was given this morning by Judge Gager a short time after he had finished hearing testimony in the superior court. Macisoe claimed he was struck by Schrader's automobile on Seaview avenue July 31, last. He was riding in front of Tucker's machine and in order to avoid being struck he changed his course to the opposite side of the street. Then he ran into Schrader's car. The court found that the cyclist was frightened and suddenly swerved when he heard the horn on Tucker's machine. He said there was no evidence of negligence on the part of the defendants and he allowed them to recover costs.

Reserves Decision In Office Dispute

Judge Gager of the superior court has reserved decision in the suit brought by the State of Connecticut, ex rel. W. J. Sheehan, against George H. Merrill of Norwalk. This action was brought on behalf of Sheehan, who claims he is legally entitled to hold office as member of the Norwalk board of assessors. He was appointed in 1913 by former Mayor Burnell. Merrill was named to serve three years, he alleges. Merrill was named for the office by a succeeding mayor who said Sheehan had been appointed for one year instead of three.

CARBOLIC IS GIVEN CHILD BY MISTAKE

Babe May Die As Result of Woman's Error Administering Acid Thinking It Was Castor Oil.

Mistaking a bottle of carbolic acid for castor oil, Mrs. Annie Shiminyaca, of 335 Hancock avenue, administered a dose of the poison, probably with fatal results, to the four-days-old infant of Mrs. Constantine Sunkiewicz, of 272 Bunnell street, whom she has been attending since the birth of the child.

The screams of the infant on swallowing the poison, alarmed the acting mid-wife, who quickly discovered her mistake. She rushed with the dying infant in her arms from the Sunkiewicz home to the office of Dr. J. H. Finnegan, 1116 Stratford avenue. The physician administered an antidote.

The emergency hospital ambulance was called and Dr. S. I. Aranki removed the baby to the Bridgeport hospital in an unconscious condition. It is feared by physicians at the hospital that the baby has little if any chance of recovery.

The convalescent mother became hysterical when she learned of the accident and a physician was called to the home. She is in a critical condition.

RUSSIANS STILL ON OFFENSIVE IN DOBRUDJA REGION

Drive Back Advance Detachments of Field Marshal Mackensen.

London, Nov. 9.—Continuing their offensive in Dobrudja, Russian troops have driven back advanced detachments of Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces and progressed southward, the war office announced today.

German Artillery Stops Somme Move

Berlin, Nov. 9.—German artillery yesterday defeated several efforts of the French and British to make advances on the Somme front, the war office announced today.

RUMANIAN CITY HIRSOVA TAKEN AGAIN BY ARMY

Bucharest Announces Success on the Danube Near Town of Tchernavoda.

Bucharest, Nov. 9.—The war office today announced that Rumanian troops had re-occupied the town of Hirsova in Dobrudja, on the Danube, 45 miles north of Tchernavoda.

SLAVS INVADING HUNGARY THROWN BACK INTO HILLS

Berlin Announces Germans and Allies Capture Mountain Positions.

Berlin, Nov. 9.—Russian troops which have invaded Hungary on the northern Transylvania front in the Georgian mountains, were repulsed, the war office announced. In Rumania, near Rothenthurm Pass, the Austro-German forces captured hill positions. In Dobrudja advanced forces of Field Marshal Mackensen were engaged.

Probably rain tonight and Friday; colder Friday. Moderate to fresh southwest gales.

HOW THE NATION'S VOTE ON PRESIDENCY NOW STANDS

Democratic.	Republican.	Doubtful.
Alabama 12	Connecticut 7	California 13
Arizona 3	Delaware 3	Minnesota 12
Arkansas 9	Illinois 29	New Mexico 3
Colorado 6	Indiana 15	New Hampshire 4
Florida 6	Iowa 13	North Dakota 5
Georgia 14	Maine 6	
Idaho 4	Massachusetts 18	
Kansas 10	Michigan 15	
Kentucky 13	New Jersey 14	
Louisiana 10	New York 45	
Maryland 8	Oregon 5	
Mississippi 10	Pennsylvania 38	
Missouri 18	Rhode Island 5	
Montana 4	South Dakota 5	
Nebraska 8	Vermont 4	
Nevada 3	West Virginia 8	
No. Carolina 12	Wisconsin 13	
Ohio 24		
Oklahoma 10		
So. Carolina 9		
Tennessee 12		
Texas 20		
Utah 4		
Virginia 12		
Washington 7		
Wyoming 3		
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"IT'S ALL OVER" M'CORMICK SAYS TO INTERVIEWERS

"We Have Cleaned Them Up," Chairman Announces at Noontime.

New York, Nov. 9.—Chairman Vance McCormick reappeared at Democratic headquarters shortly after 11 o'clock. "It's all over," he said. "We have cleaned them up. We stick unflinchingly to our original figures—Wilson by 288 electoral votes."

Mr. McCormick added that every precaution was being taken to protect the ballot boxes where the vote was running close.

Charles E. Warren, Republican National Committee man from Michigan, after a conference with Chairman Wilcox and other national committeemen gave out this statement as reflecting the consensus of opinion among the Republican leaders:

"The election depends upon the count in California, Minnesota, North Dakota, New Mexico and New Hampshire. Oregon is safely for Hughes, as also is West Virginia. The probabilities are that the Minnesota vote will be cast for Hughes, but the official count will be required in North Dakota, New Mexico, New Hampshire and California before the results in those states will be definitely known."

REMOVE CHILD TO HOSPITAL AS POLIO SUSPECT

Twenty-Months-Old Baby of Policeman Rogers Placed In Isolation.

The 20-months-old baby of Policeman Terrence J. Rogers is believed to be the victim of poliomyelitis, or infantile paralysis. It has been taken from the Rogers home at 501 Huntington road to the isolation hospital where it will remain during the quarantine period.

The child, which is the first to display symptoms of the disease within many days, has been under the care of Dr. Robert Lynch, who yesterday reported the suspicions of himself and colleagues to the board of health.

It is not known definitely whether the symptoms shown are those of poliomyelitis or another ailment but the case will be observed closely until all doubt is eliminated.

Dr. McEllan, local health officer, asserted today that the disease had not been entirely stamped out, and that it is expected sporadic cases would arise in the community for some time.

The vital statistics for the last month disclose that five deaths are ascribed to the disease. No alarm is felt for the future.

BUYS LOT

Nicholas DiPlama has bought a lot in Marion street and will erect a two-family house there.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR WILSON

Concord, N. H., Nov. 9.—New Hampshire complete but only partially certified to the secretary of state, gives: Hughes, 43,732; Wilson, 43,849. Wilson's plurality 117.

With President Wilson assured of 251 electoral votes, and Charles E. Hughes certain of 243, the presidential election result today hinges upon the result in five states where the race is extremely close.

These states, with their electoral votes, are:

California, 13; Minnesota, 12; North Dakota, 5; New Hampshire, 4; New Mexico, 3. The total electoral vote of these states is 37.

President Wilson's party managers are most optimistic. "It all over," said Democratic Chairman Vance C. McCormick today. "We have cleaned them up." He claims 288 electoral votes for the President.

Republican party leaders, after claiming Minnesota, reported that the official count would have to be awaited in other states.

The big overnight surprise was the switch in New Hampshire. Claimed as sure Republican, it is extremely doubtful. President Wilson shows a lead of 121 with two small towns yet unreported.

North Dakota, classed yesterday as Republican, is doubtful. With less than 200 precincts missing, President Wilson has a lead of 902 votes.

New Mexico, which was in the Democratic column yesterday, is wavering. Half of the precincts have reported, showing a lead of 257 for Hughes.

California has maintained a plurality of between 4,000 and 5,000 in all returns received from midnight until 2 o'clock this afternoon. Republican state committeemen there say their estimate totals for the state show Wilson leading by a few hundred votes.

In Minnesota, President Wilson has cut Hughes early morning lead of over 1,200 to less than 300.

West Virginia and Oregon, doubtful yet, have gone for Hughes, late returns indicate.

LATEST RETURNS FROM THE DOUBTFUL STATES

WILSON LEADING IN CALIFORNIA

San Francisco, Nov. 9.—With returns in from all but 356 of the state's 5,559 precincts, the count this noon shows Wilson leading by 3,840. The vote: Hughes 446,684; Wilson 450,524. This tabulation includes all but 21 precincts in Los Angeles county, Hughes' strongest hope.

HUGHES IS AHEAD IN MINNESOTA

St. Paul, Nov. 9.—When Presidential returns from Minnesota were nine-tenths complete at noon today Charles E. Hughes still maintained a slight lead over President Wilson. Returns from 2,736 precincts out of 3,024 in the state gave Wilson 174,497 and Hughes 172,308.

PRESIDENT IS AHEAD IN NORTH DAKOTA

Fargo, Nov. 9.—Returns from 1,687 of the state's 1,859 precincts reported a lead of 902 for President Wilson today. The vote stands Wilson, 54,474; Hughes, 50,572. Complete returns are not expected before late today.

NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFERS SURPRISE

Concord, Nov. 9.—Two precincts missing, this state gives Wilson a lead of 121. The missing precincts cast a small vote. The count as tabulated from official and press reports shows: Wilson, 43,842; Hughes, 43,721. There is a likelihood of a recount.

HUGHES AHEAD IN NEW MEXICO

Santa Fe, Nov. 9.—Three hundred and thirty-six of the 638 precincts in the state gave Hughes 14,794; Wilson, 14,536. Seven of the missing counties are normally Democratic, six Republican, and two debatable.